



BLIGHTED PROPERTY REVIEW COMMITTEE

**DETERMINATION HEARING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2010
COUNCIL CHAMBERS at 7:00 p.m.
AGENDA**

**All parties wishing to testify must register on
the Sign In Sheet before the hearing begins.**

I. Call to Order

6:00p.m.

II. Purpose

In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Urban Redevelopment Law of 1945, as amended, and the City of Reading Blighted Property Review Committee Ordinance #65-2006 ("Ordinance"), the City of Reading has determined that the properties listed on this agenda meet the legal definition of "blight" by exhibiting one or more of the following nine conditions listed in the Ordinance. As prescribed by the Ordinance, the City of Reading's Blighted Property Review Committee (BPRC) is meeting to review the reports of the Building/Trades Division and the Property Maintenance Division on your property to determine whether it, in fact, meets the definition of blight.

As described in the Ordinance, if your property is determined to be blighted, the BPRC will issue an Order which will provide you with approximately 60 days to rehabilitate the property to correct/remove the cause of blight determination, or follow the designated alternative remedy. At the hearing the BPRC shall render a final Order which shall be mailed to the persons affected. If you fail to comply with the BPRC Determination Order, a Certification Hearing will occur. If the property is Certified as blighted at the hearing, the property will then be certified to the Reading Redevelopment Authority for acquisition of the property through a voluntary sale or the use of the Authority's power of eminent domain.

III. Determination Hearing

A. 363 N 2nd St, Martin Jermaine, owner, of 622 Pine St Reading Pa 19602, Purchased Jan 2002

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**

Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair will request a motion to determine 363 N. 2nd Street as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

B. 104 N 4th St. Three Brothers Corp , owner(s), 4614 5th Ave # 3fl Brooklyn NY 11220, Purchased May 2006

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**

Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair will request a motion to determine 104 N 4th Street as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

C. 239 S 6th St, Keith Jackson , owner(s), 930 N 2nd St Reading Pa 19601, Purchased Jan 2009.

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**

Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair will request a motion to determine 239 S 6th Street as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

D. 1158 Buttonwood St, Dwight Amole Rose Torres, owner(s), 846 Whitner Rd Reading

Pa 19605, Purchased Feb 1998

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**

Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair will request a motion to determine 1158 Buttonwood Street as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

E. 644 N Front St, Walter Barerra , owner(s), 3020 Curtis Rd Sinking Spring Pa 19608, Purchased May 2009.

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**

Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair will request a motion to determine 644 N. Front Street as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

F. 158 W Green St, Amin Farouk Ghorah , owner(s), 216 Holiday Ln Blandon Pa 19510, Purchased Jan 2005

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**

Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair will request a motion to determine 158 W. Green Street as blighted properties or to remove them from the target list.

G. 338 Madison Ave, North 4 St LLC aka George Hutchinson, owner(s), 155 Phillips

Park Dr South Williamsport Pa 17702, Purchased June 2008

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**

Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair will request a motion to determine 338 Madison Street as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

H. 1121 Birch St., Joseph and Ruth Matter , owner(s), Po Box 12821 Reading Pa 19612, Purchased Date Note Listed

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**

Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair will request a motion to determine 1121 Birch Street as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

J. 470 Schuylkill Ave, Jeannie Alexis , owner(s), 125 E Charles St Wernersville Pa 19565, Purchased Aug 2007

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**

Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair will request a motion to determine 470 Schuylkill Avenue as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

K. 127 N. Front St., Jose Santiago-Rivas, owner(s), 314 W Oley St Reading Pa 19601, Purchased Oct 2003

1. Oath to all presenting testimony

- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**

Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair will request a motion to determine 127 N. Front Street as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

L. 121 N. 3rd St., Herbert Mixon , owner(s), PO Box 14341 Reading Pa 19612, Purchase Date Not Listed.

1. Oath to all presenting testimony

- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**

Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair will request a motion to determine 121 N. 3rd Street as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

M. 431 Buttonwood St., Scott Stephany Napoleon , owner(s), 249 N Front St Reading Pa 19601, Purchased Oct 2009

1. Oath to all presenting testimony

- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**

Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair will request a motion to determine 431 Buttonwood Street as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.